

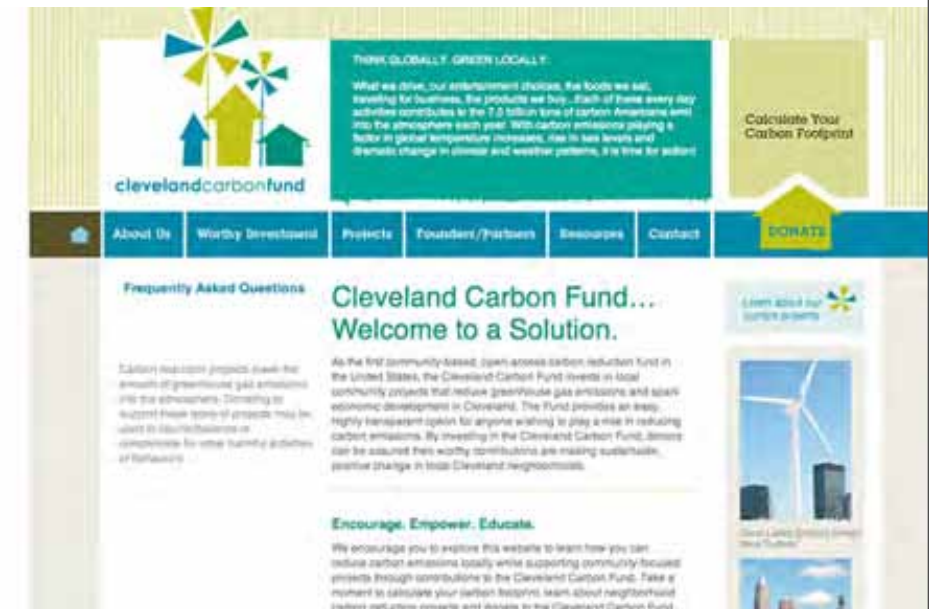


STUDIO GRAPHIQUE ■ *design with direction*



DESIGN WITH DIRECTION

Studio Graphique provides consulting and design services for branding, placemaking and wayfinding programs. We create authentic brands and environments that help our clients provide their customers and visitors with a positive and connective experience.



FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND WAYFINDING

A 101

— *for Communities* —

BRANDING FOR PLACE

Your brand is a symbolic embodiment of all the information connected to your place, and serves to create associations and expectations around it.

BRAND ELEMENTS

- Logo
- Color
- Photography/Illustration Style
- Type Elements/Font Selection
- Taglines and Key Messages



PLACEMAKING

is making a public place
a living space.

SIGNAGE AND PLACEMAKING

- Visual elements that function
- Visual elements that announce
- Visual elements that enhance their surroundings
- Visual elements that intrigue and delight



WAYFINDING

is literally, helping people find their way, through signage and other visual clues.

SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

- Signage that carefully and clearly organizes messages
- Signage that uses a consistent graphic language
- Signage that uses appropriate scale and structure
- Signage that functions as art



THE PROCESS

YOU MAY ASK YOURSELF

WHY do you need a sign program?

1. Is parking or are destinations difficult to find?
2. Are you lacking a sense of arrival?
3. Are you trying to improve visitor experience?

OBJECTIVES & GOALS

To develop a logo for Lakewood 'Downtown Lakewood' program is dedicated to revitalizing Lakewood's historic downtown commercial district.



DOWNTOWN
LAKEWOOD

OBJECTIVES & GOALS

OBJECTIVE B

To develop a signage and wayfinding program that will provide visitors the identification, direction, and orientation they need to access and enjoy the business and civic establishments that can be found in Downtown Lakewood – and will become a source of pride for Lakewood residents.

SIGNAGE & WAYFINDING GOALS

- > The signage program should provide entry into downtown through select entry points (streets).
- > The signage program should provide a sense of arrival.
- > The signage program should define the edges of downtown.
- > The signage program must address how parking is found and used.
- > The signage program should reduce clutter, add clarity and a sense of orientation.
- > The signage program should instill navigational confidence.
- > The signage program should be modular, changeable and update-able.
- > The signage program should focus on multi-modal arrival and movement while supporting the pedestrian effort of a walkable city.
- > The signage program should inform visitors about significant destinations.
- > The signage should effectively communicate ingress and egress from all the major arteries in Lakewood (I-90, Shoreway) to and from the downtown area.
- > The signage should reflect the input given by the community at public forums.

PROGRAMMING GOALS

- To guide visitors from major arteries into District
- To mark entry points into District with banners (to allow for “soft boundaries”)
- To guide visitors to public parking (or valet service) once they are within the District
- To consistently identify public parking
- To establish a changeable and updateable pedestrian wayfinding system, including a consistent map
- To guide visitors to major destinations within the District
- To reduce visual clutter

AESTHETIC GOALS

- To create **unique, bold, different, cool, artistic, durable,** and **long-lasting** signage for the District
- To comply with the City’s signage guidelines while still implementing an artful and unique sign program
- To promote the GSAD brand through the use of its logo and an interpretation of the brand palette in design and materials
- To create a system that is simple, sophisticated and consistent

PERSONALITY TRAITS

Unique	Dynamic
Funky	Inclusive
Eclectic	Nightlife
Amorphous	Personal
Diverse	Aspiring
Vital	

“SUCCESS . . .”

- This program should help people from the outside find the district, then find parking within
- This program should be original, unique, and should reinvent an old place, showing layering over time
- This program should take the community into account and allows for a strategic and creative process
- This program should be inclusive of residents, businesses, the Lake, and other districts within the greater Detroit Shoreway Neighborhood

DETROIT AVENUE

DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE PLAN

COMMUNITY MEETING #3

CITY ARCHITECTURE

AUGUST 28, 2007

CITY OF LAKEWOOD
MAIN STREET LAKEWOOD



DETROIT
DOWNTOWN

COM

CITY ARCHITECTURE

a neighborhood taking off



THROUGH
ROBIN

BIRD
TOWN
ACTION
PLAN

PREPARED FOR:
CITY OF XENIA, OHIO



PREPARED BY:
KINZELMAN KLINE GOSSMAN

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VIBRANT FUTURE

DOWNTOWN STRATEGIC PLAN



PROJECT PARAMETERS

What KIND of project?

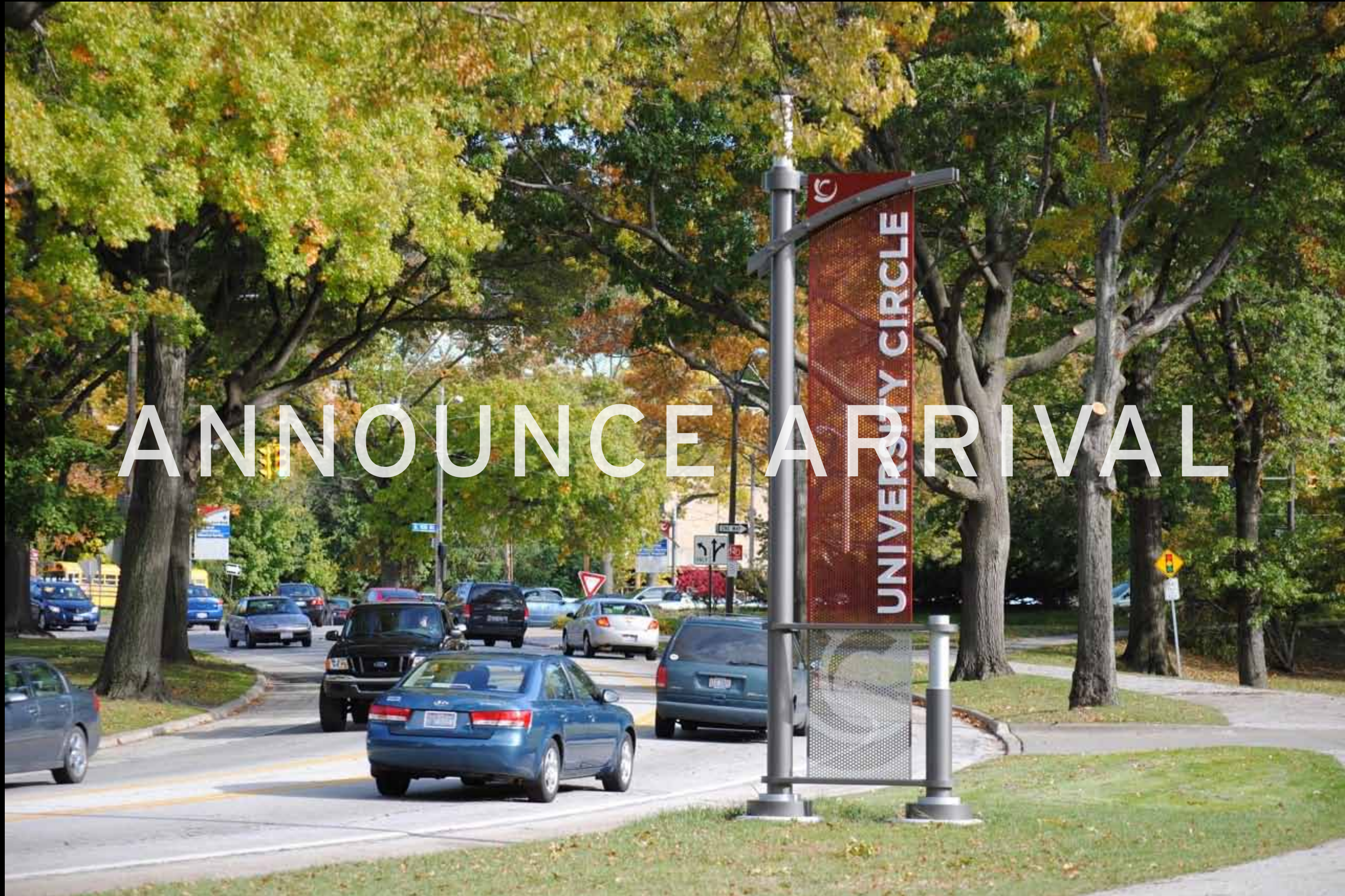
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GUIDE TO PLACE



DIRECT TO PLACES



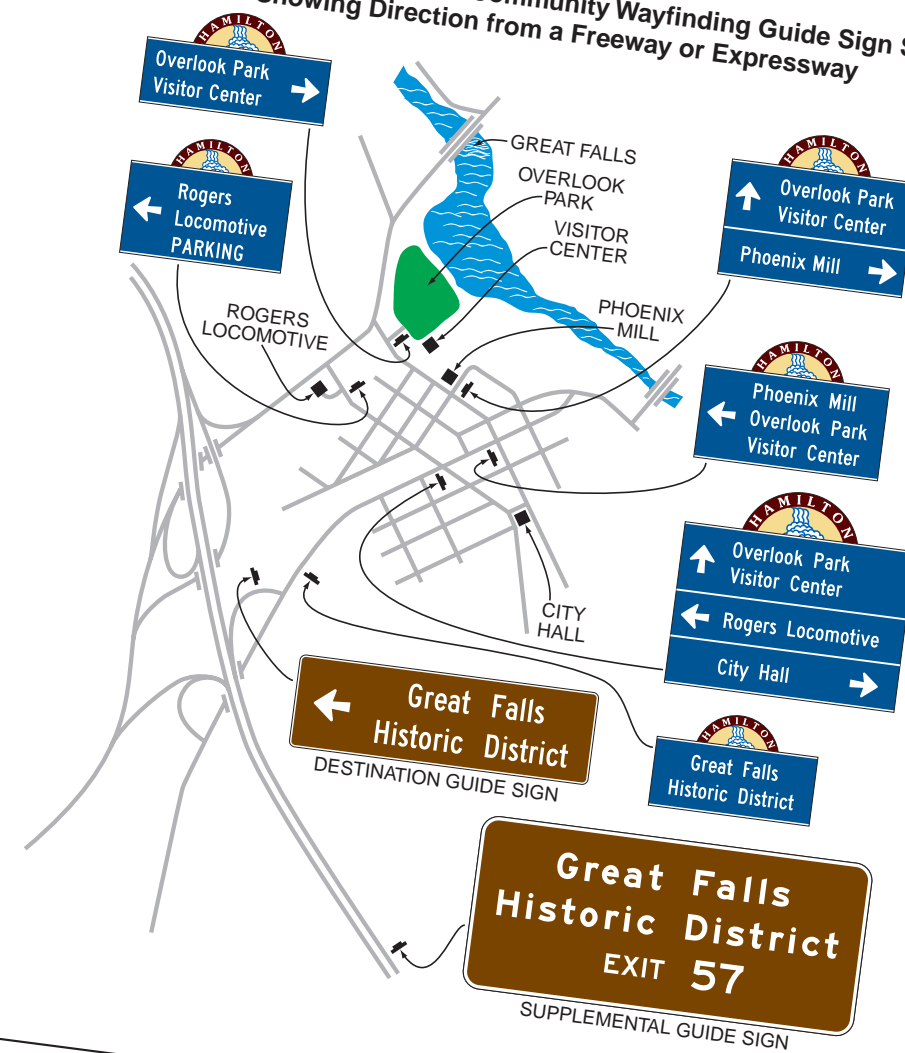
ENHANCE PLACE



PROJECT PARAMETERS

What RULES do we have to follow?

**Figure 2D-19. Example of a Community Wayfinding Guide Sign System
Showing Direction from a Freeway or Expressway**



¹⁵ The color coding or a pictograph of the identification enhancement markers of the community wayfinding guide signing system shall be included on the informational guide sign posted at the boundary of the community wayfinding guide signing area. The color coding or pictographs shall apply to a specific, identifiable neighborhood or geographical subarea within the overall area covered by the community wayfinding guide signing. Color coding or pictographs shall not be used to distinguish between different types of destinations that are within the same designated neighborhood or subarea. The color coding shall be accomplished by the use of different colored square or rectangular panels on the face of the informational guide sign, each positioned to the left of the neighborhood or named geographic area to which the color-coding panel applies. The height of the colored square or rectangular panels shall not exceed two times the height of the upper-case letters of the principal legend on the sign.

¹⁶ Option: The different colored square or rectangular panels may include either a black or a white (whichever provides the better contrast with the color of the panel) letter, numeral, or other appropriate designation to identify the destination.

December 2009

“Prior to the addition of this section, if a designer wanted to (or was forced to) comply with the MUTCD in the development of a wayfinding sign system, they had to refer to standards, guidance, and options developed specifically for standard conventional road traffic control devices.”

“By adding this section, the FHWA is showing that they are finally agreeing that **community or urban wayfinding is a different animal and therefore should get special treatment.**”

Phil Garvey, senior research associate with the Pennsylvania Transportation Institute.

NEW 2009 MUTCD Guidelines: Community Wayfinding Signs

Alternate colors. Communities are not restricted to “highway green” signs, but cannot use “standard regulatory colors” (i.e., fluorescent yellow-green).

Letter height. The new MUTCD relaxes rules for letter height on low-volume roads and urban streets with speeds of 25 mph or less from 6 in. to 4 in., allowing that “the principal legend shall be in letters at least 4 inches in height for all upper-case letters and 3 inches in height for lower case letters.”

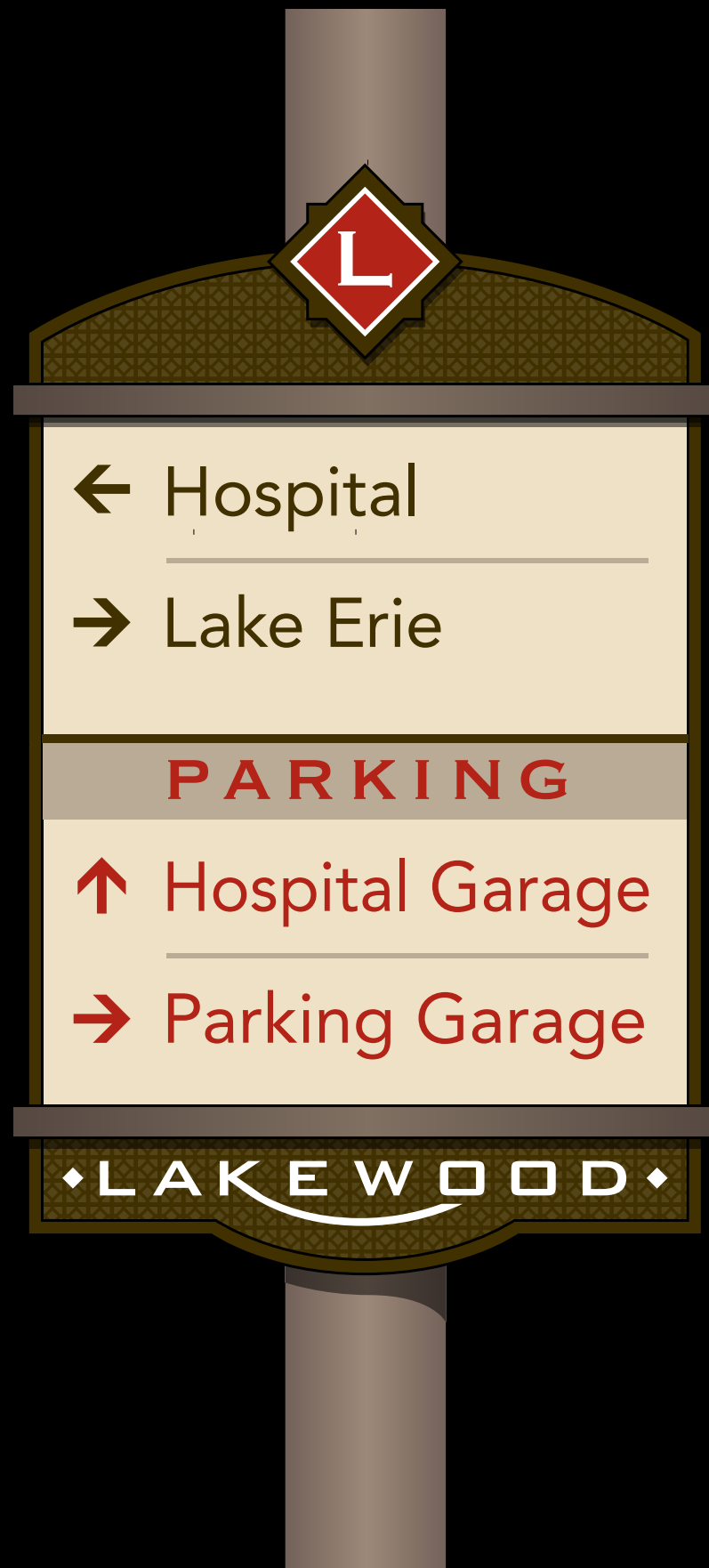
Symbols/arrows. Signs may only use MUTCD-approved symbols, including standard highway arrows.

Sign shape. The rules state that signs “should” be rectangular.

PROJECT PARAMETERS

Determining the CRITERIA for WHO, WHAT goes on wayfinding signs?





SETTING MESSAGING CRITERIA

Drivers traveling at speeds of 25mph or over cannot comprehend more than 4 lines of messages.

Major public visitor destinations may be included. Private businesses and organizations may only be allowed on pedestrian signs.

Clear nomenclature for quick and easy recognition but not abbreviations.

PROJECT PARAMETERS

Determining a realistic timeframe for developing a signage and wayfinding program?

PROJECT TIMEFRAME

TIMEFRAME



REASONS FOR PHASED APPROACH

- › Funding availability, multiple funding sources and budget cycles
- › Multiple entities involved
- › Time to educate about the concept and values of branding and wayfinding to internal and external audiences
- › Public engagement
- › The need to start with Brand as the foundation for all other program aspects
- › Staff capacity limitations, could only focus on one project at a time
- › Government processes

OUR PROCESS

Design with Direction

▣ DIG DOWN

Our experience working on projects like yours means we already know process and expectations. We Dig Down to understand the objectives of each program to help you develop a foundation from which real design solutions can form.

▣ BUILD UP

Once a solid foundation is laid, Studio Graphique begins to Build. We identify and prioritize your needs. We develop holistic visual concepts that represent your organization and its culture, and communicate an experience with your customers. We create comprehensive systems that are both functional and emotional, and speak together with one voice.

▣ MOVE FORWARD

We work in continued partnership with you to ensure the new program is properly implemented and matches goals and definitions for success, and provide you with tools to maintain and evolve your program with your own resources.

PROJECT PARAMETERS

Determining a realistic budget to develop and implement these type of programs?

COST

WHAT DO YOU ANTICIPATE SPENDING?



less than \$20,000
\$20,000 - \$50,000
\$50,000 - \$80,000
more than \$80,000

WHAT WAS THE TOTAL COST?

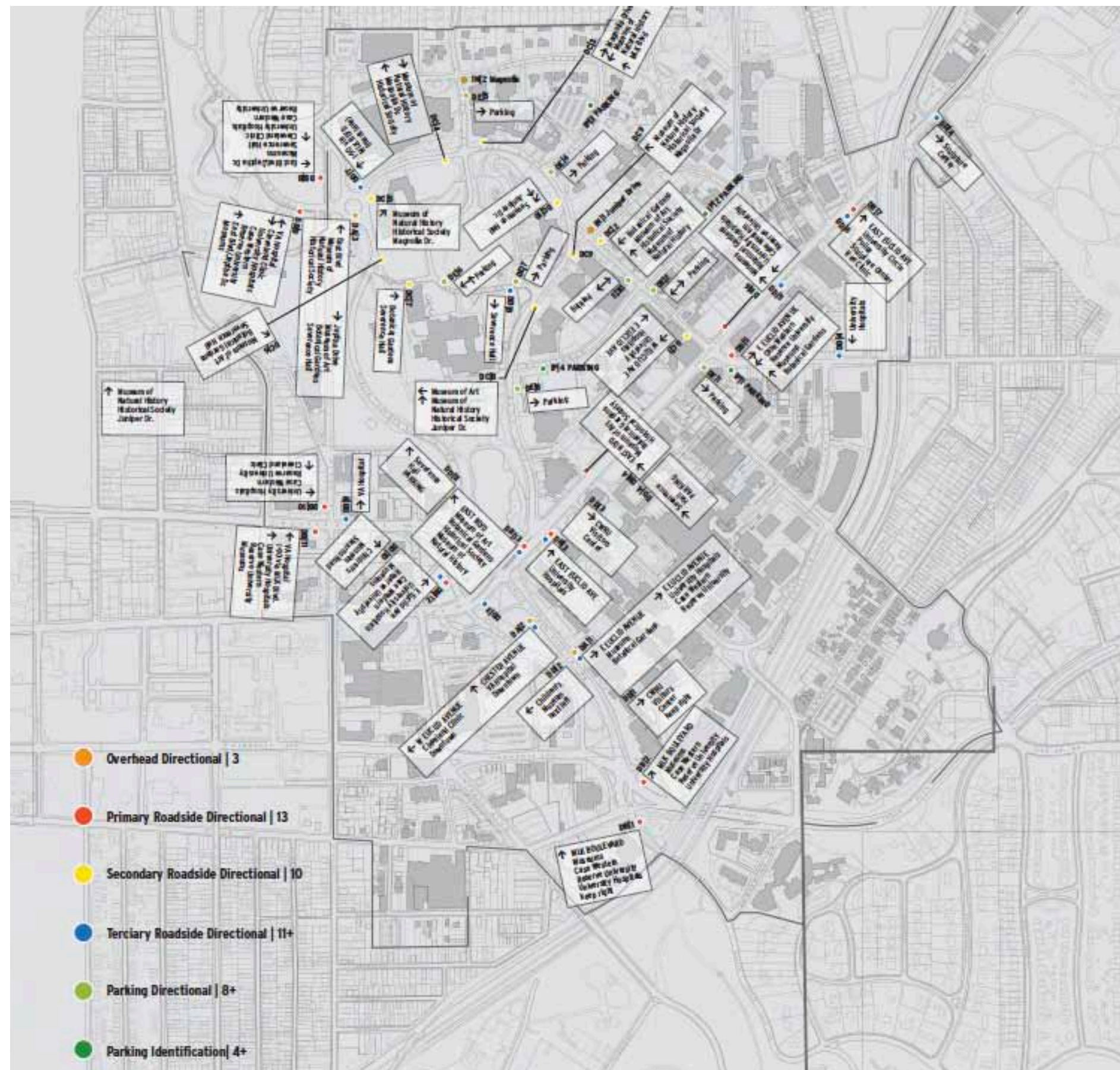


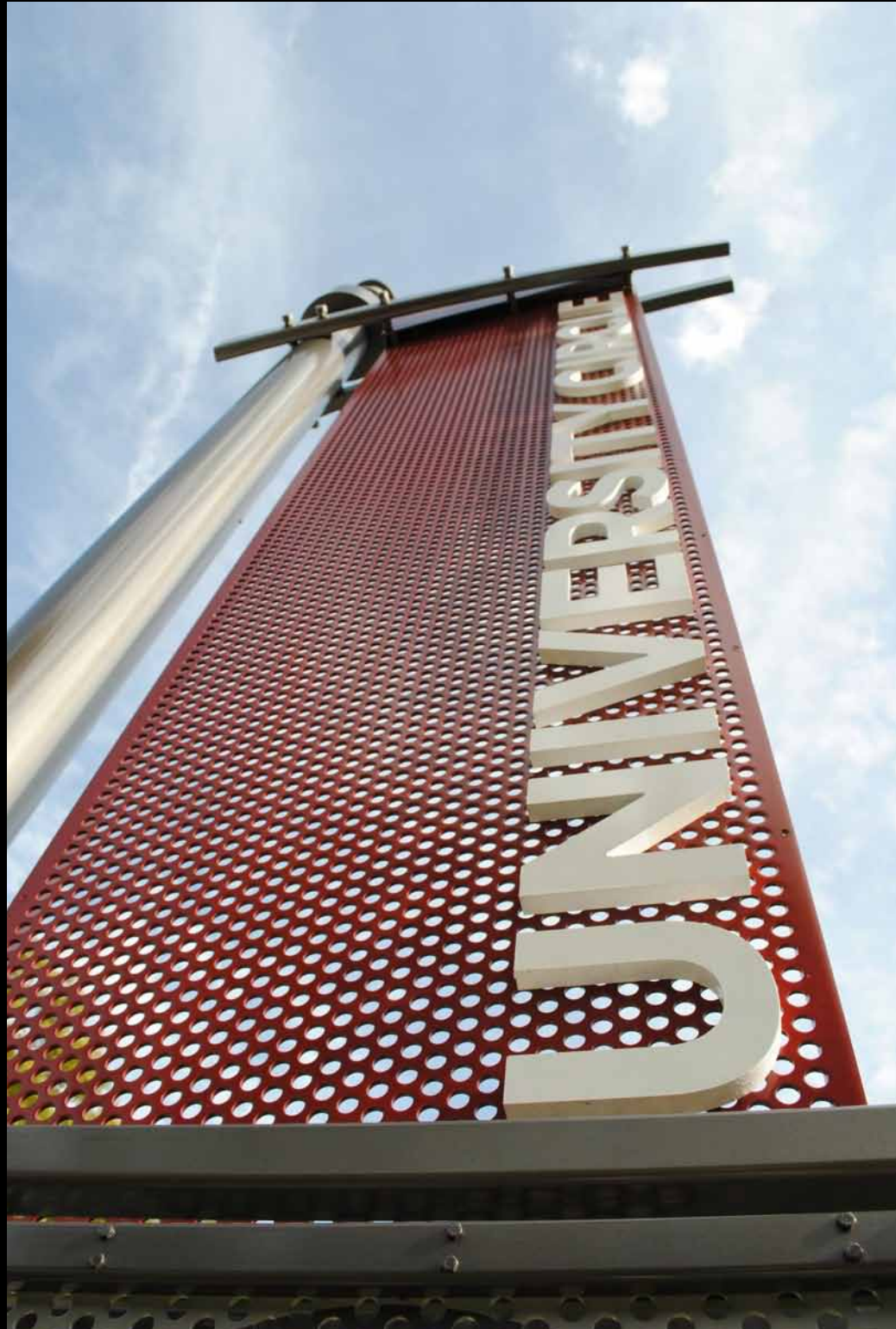
There was a wide disparity in understanding the costs associated with these types of projects. 58% of those who have completed projects cited that costs were over \$50k with 45% recognizing the costs were more than \$80k. Those who were considering projects anticipated spending much less, which is possibly indicative that they have not fully assimilated what goes into these projects.

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UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

LARGE SCALE PROJECT



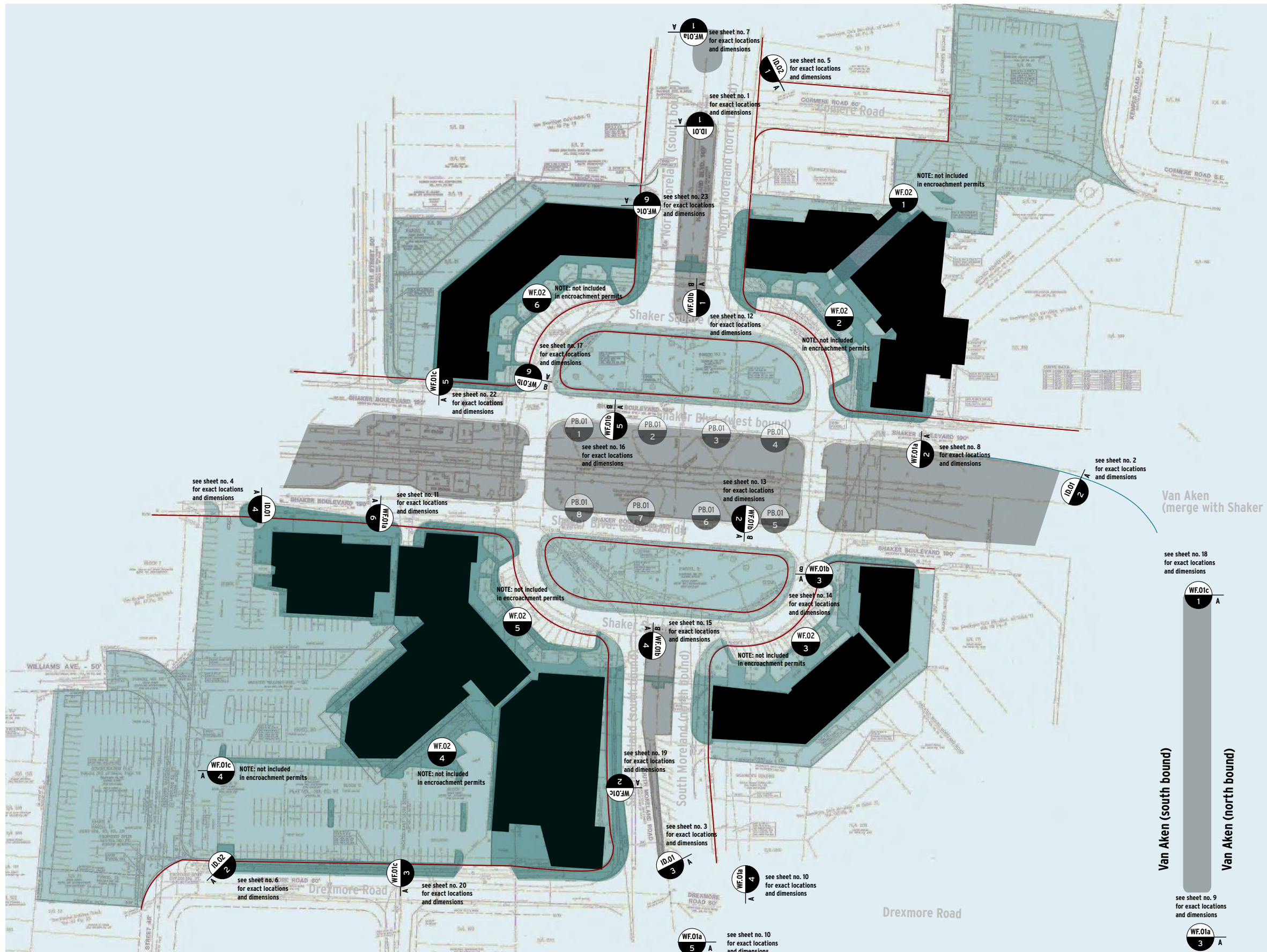


LARGE SCALE PROJECT
CONSULTANTS FEE
\$200,000

FABRICATION/INSTALLATION
< \$1,000,000

SHAKER SQUARE

MEDIUM SCALE PROJECT



SIGN TYPE KEY



Entry Identification Signs
see exhibit A for fabrication/installation details



Parking Identification Signs
see exhibit B for fabrication/installation details



Parking Directional Signs
see exhibit C for fabrication/installation details



Parking Directional Signs
see exhibit D for fabrication/installation details



Parking Directional Signs
see exhibit E for fabrication/installation details



Pedestrian Directory Signs
see exhibit F for fabrication/installation details



Placemaking Banners
see exhibit G for fabrication/installation details
located on existing light poles

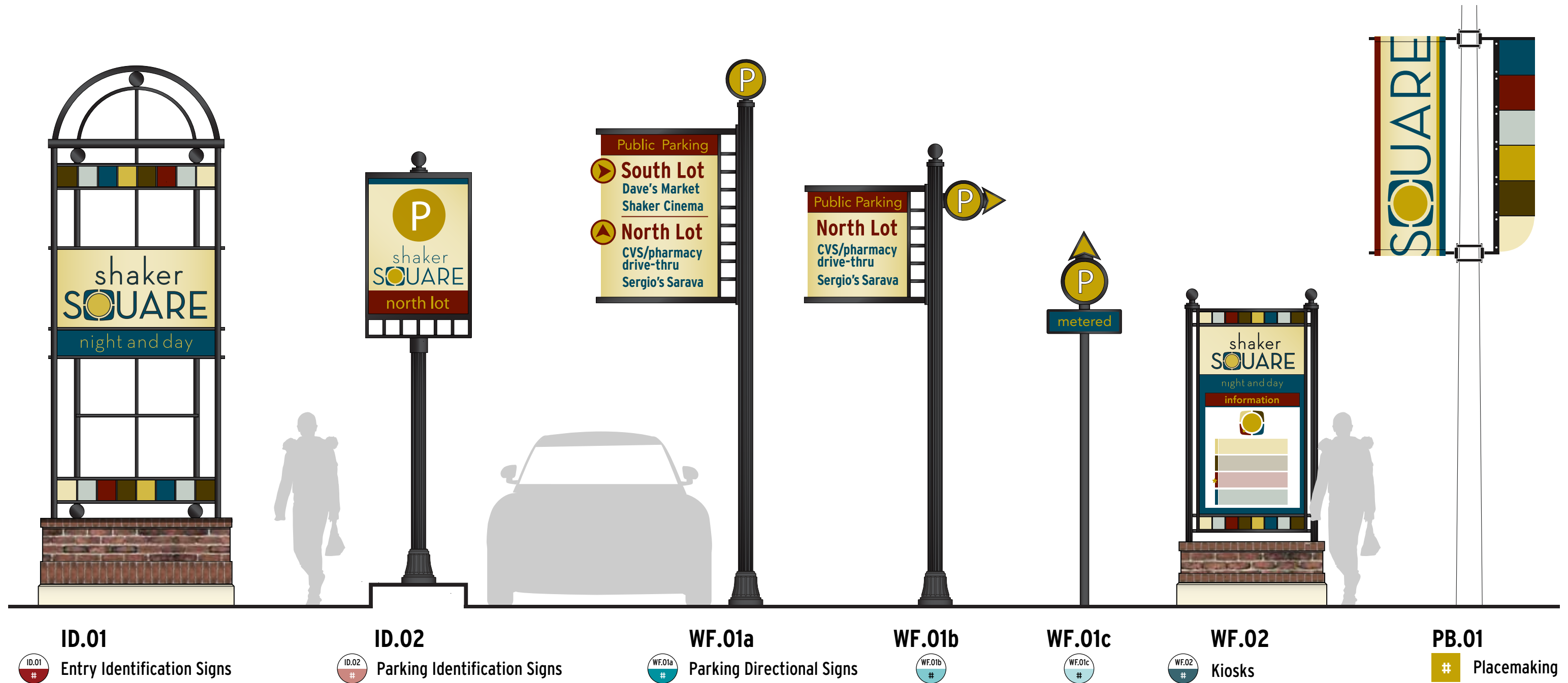
— Right-of-Way

Property area

Pavement

Buildings

RTA/Public Property





MEDIUM SCALE PROJECT

CONSULTANTS FEE

\$75,000

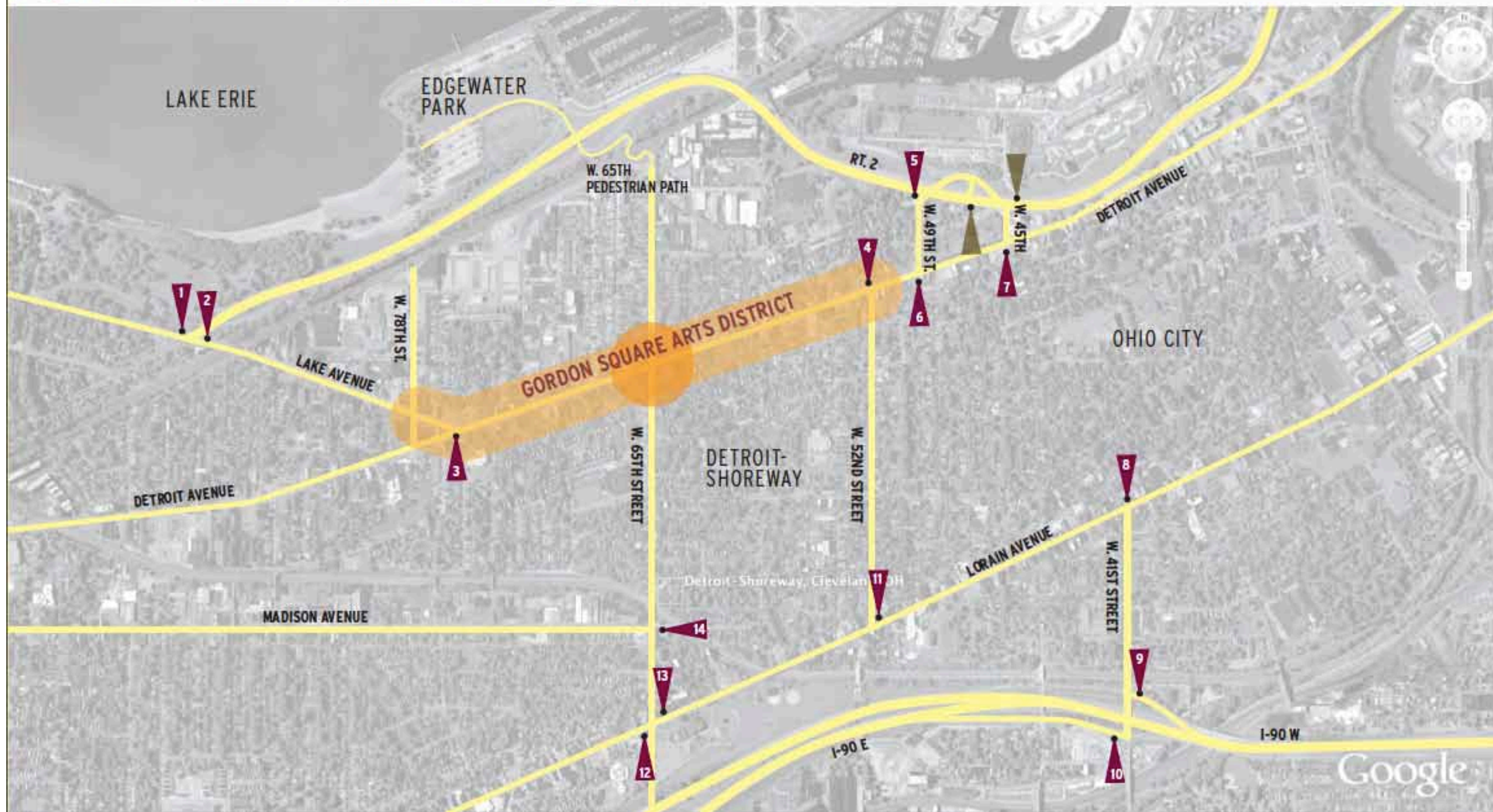
FABRICATION/INSTALLATION

< \$200,000

GORDON SQUARE

SMALL SCALE PROJECT

! TRAILBLAZERS (14 LOCATIONS) ! ODOT SIGNS (2 LOCATIONS, BY CLIENT)







SMALL SCALE PROJECT

CONSULTANTS FEE

\$25,000

FABRICATION/INSTALLATION

\$50,000

DON'T GO IT ALONE

How do you involving the community?

The importance of the Steering Committee

The role of Public Meetings

Keeping the Public Informed

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

DID YOUR PROJECT INVOLVE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT?

Public engagement emerged as an important element of any successful community branding, wayfinding and/or placemaking project.

Respondents generally noted that public engagement for a Branding process was minimal or absent but it was critical to the success of a Wayfinding program. Public engagement tools included surveys, community meetings, focus groups and group and individual interviews. Other methods included a design charrette, panel discussion, reception and open house. The amount of public engagement varied widely and seemed to be based on what "felt right" for that downtown/organization.

Only eight respondents noted that their project involved no public engagement. All other communities discussed some type of engagement process that took place, and as the results demonstrate, the processes vary based upon project and community.

IS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT NEEDED TO RECEIVE SUPPORT?

YES

10

NO

6



WEAKNESSES

Traffic	Diversity in Housing
Empty Retail Spaces	
Diversifying Businesses	Aging Infrastructure
Debt	
Not Pedestrian Friendly	Slow to Change
Lack of common vision	
Too much pride	Need a big push
Recreation Center Age	Old School Buildings
Lack of Cultural Institutions	

Weaknesses Fertil

Lack of extracurricular (\$) in school system
Economic Challenges

OTHERS' PERCEPTION

"Country"	Good Schools
MALL	of Special Needs Services
Diverse (+/-)	Older Community
• Welcoming	Fast Food Restaurants
Safe	Affordable
Transient (not from Retail)	

TARGET AUDIENCE...

Younger Families
Diversity in Businesses
Medical
Improved Tax Base
Existing Residents (Pride)
Outside of Local Residents

EXISTING IDENTITY?

NO CONSISTENT VOICE/FEEL
LACK OF ENTRANCE SIGNAGE
LACK of Directional Signage
No Wayfinding
Dated Signage: Looking for something timeless
Streetscapes





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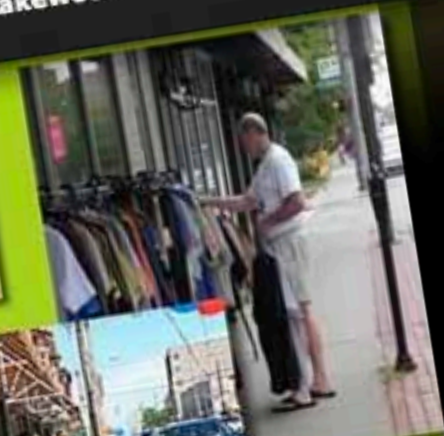
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2011 Events

LakewoodAlive will host a number of events in 2011, including the popular CityWide StreetSale, June 23-25, the same weekend as Ohio Chautauqua sponsored by the Lakewood Historical Society at Lakewood Park. Downtown Lakewood activities for 2011 include the Front Porch Concert Series,...

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With so many events in Downtown Lakewood, it's important to have ample parking. Most streets have parking available at meters or you can park along the side streets and just...

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Wall

Share: Post Photo Link Video

Write something...



Downtown Lakewood

Sweet video coverage of two great events in Lakewood this weekend!
Rain Doesn't Keep Lakewood Organizations from Promoting Living in Lakewood
lakewood-oh.patch.com

Two events, Lakewood Downtown Open House and the Lakewood Old House Fair, both successful — despite the weather.

Monday at 9:54am · Like · Comment · Share

6 people like this.

Write a comment...



Downtown Lakewood

Happy Spring from one of our "dog lover" friends! These cute pups and their owners won the 2009 Spooky Pooch Parade "Best Float" award. Do you remember those cute cupcakes? Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2011 Spooky Pooch Parade — October 15, 2011! Check out last year's photos at: [downtownlakewood.org](#)



April 14 at 2:25pm · Like · Comment · Share



Downtown Lakewood

More good news for Lakewood!



GrafTech Expanding Operations in Lakewood, Adding Jobs
lakewood-oh.patch.com

Ohio EPA to host meeting Thursday to discuss emissions from the Madison Avenue facility.

Home Profile Account

You and Downtown Lakewood



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CASE STUDY

CASE STUDY : DOWNTOWN LAKEWOOD



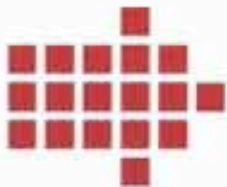
DOWNTOWN LAKEWOOD: DIG DOWN

■ DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS

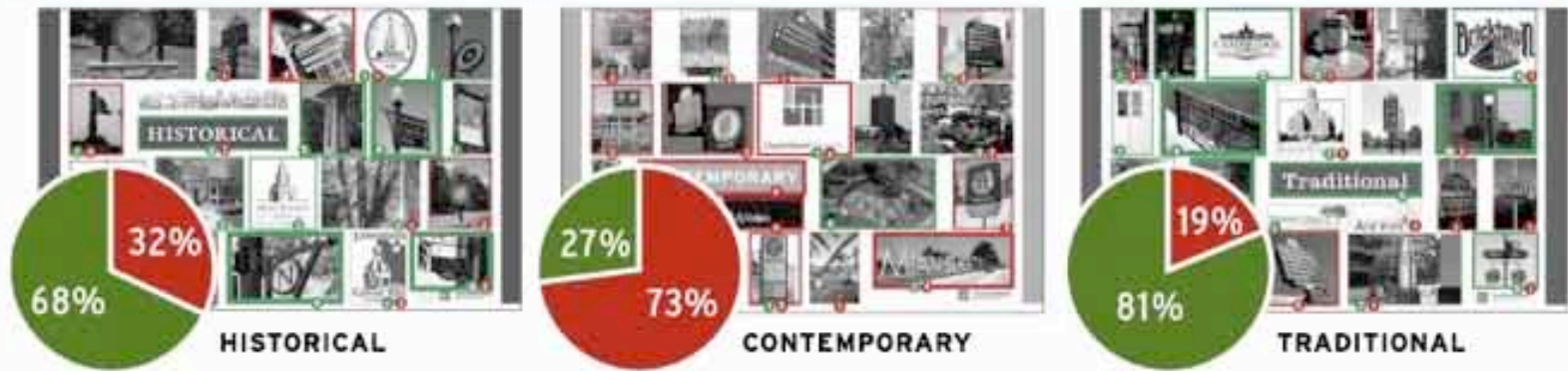
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EGD Community Education
Personality Word Brainstorm
Style Board Survey



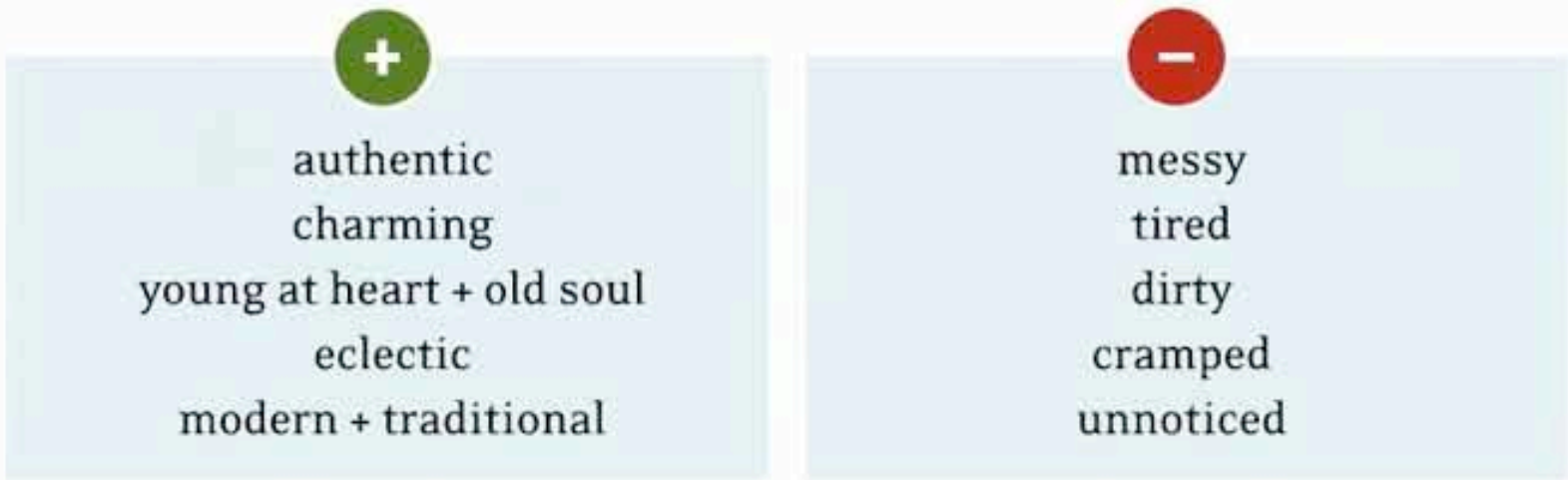
Business Owners Survey
Community Survey
Color Test
Site Survey



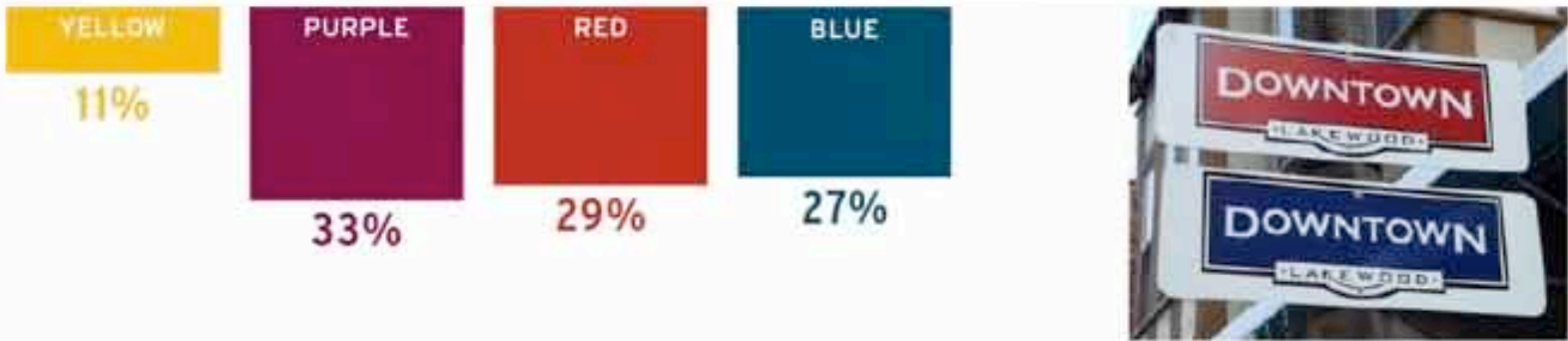
■ STYLE BOARD SURVEY



■ "IF DOWNTOWN LAKEWOOD WERE A PERSON..."

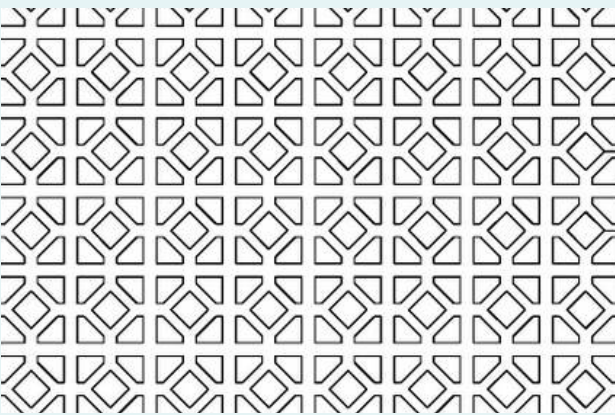


■ COLOR SURVEY : WHICH IS YOUR PREFERENCE?

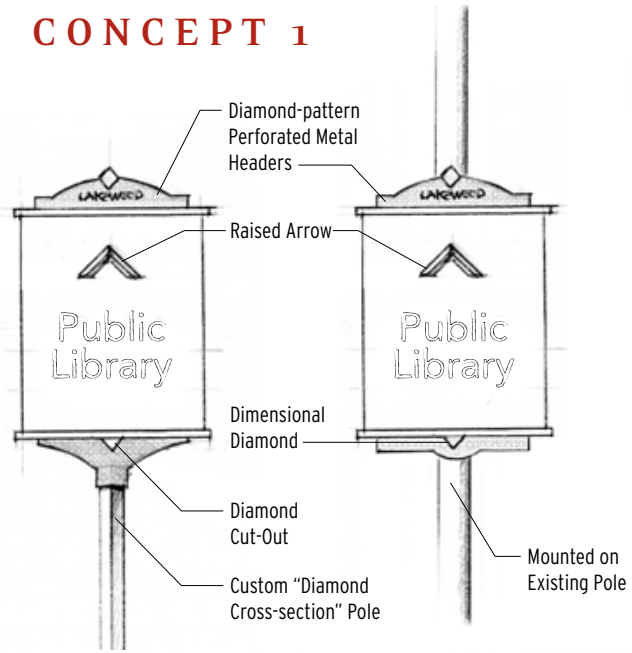


DOWNTOWN LAKEWOOD: BUILD UP

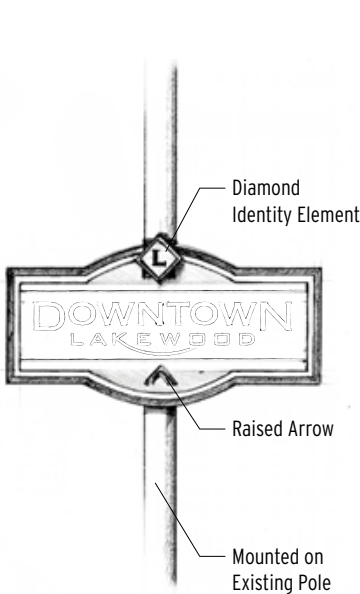
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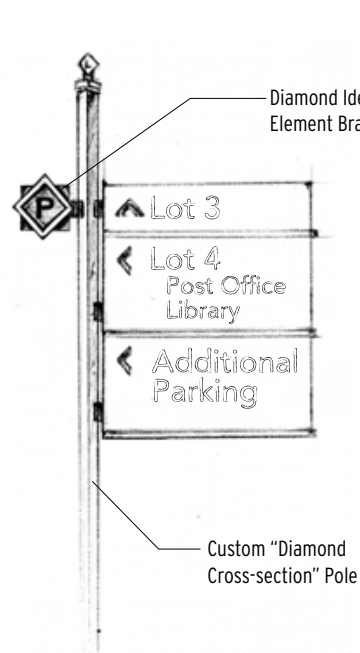
CONCEPT 1



A.1 vehicular directionals



A.1 vehicular directional (trailblazer)



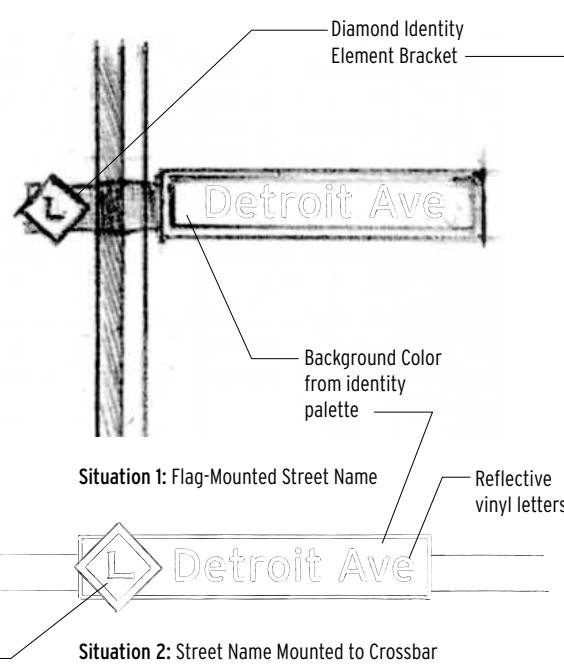
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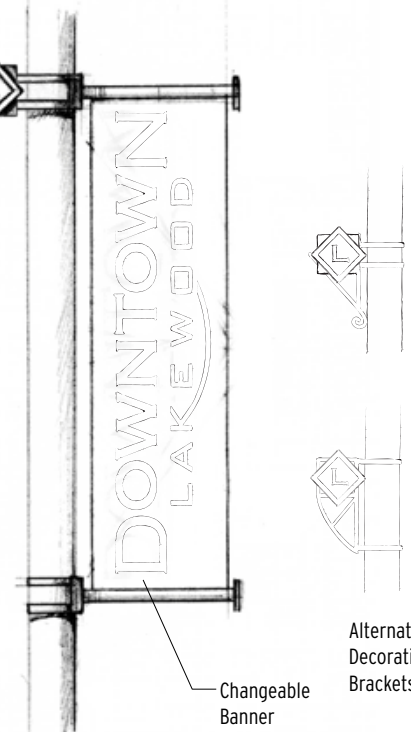
C.2 parking ID



C.1 entry/gateway



C.3 street name sign



D.1 banners

DOWNTOWN LAKEWOOD: MOVE FORWARD

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GRAPHICS

Downtown Lakewood Mark reference design drawings for use

Arrows reference design drawings for use

Symbols reference design drawings for use

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1234567890

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abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
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TYPOGRAPHY

ABCDEF...
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1234567890

LINE SPACING

Lines of Text > 1.5M Cap Height

Hospital
Lakewood Park

TRACKING & KERNING

125% PARKING
105% City Hall

PRIMARY COLORS

SECONDARY COLORS

PATTERNS

REFLECTIVE VINYL

GRAPHIC VINYL

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project LWA001

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exhibit ii

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exhibit A.1a-2

C.2 PARKING IDENTIFICATION
DETAIL | SCALE: 1-1/2"=1'

C.2 PARKING IDENTIFICATION
DETAIL (SIDE) | SCALE: 1-1/2"=1'

C.2 DIMENSIONAL LOGO
DETAIL | SCALE: 1"=1"

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DOWNTOWN LAKEWOOD: MOVE FORWARD

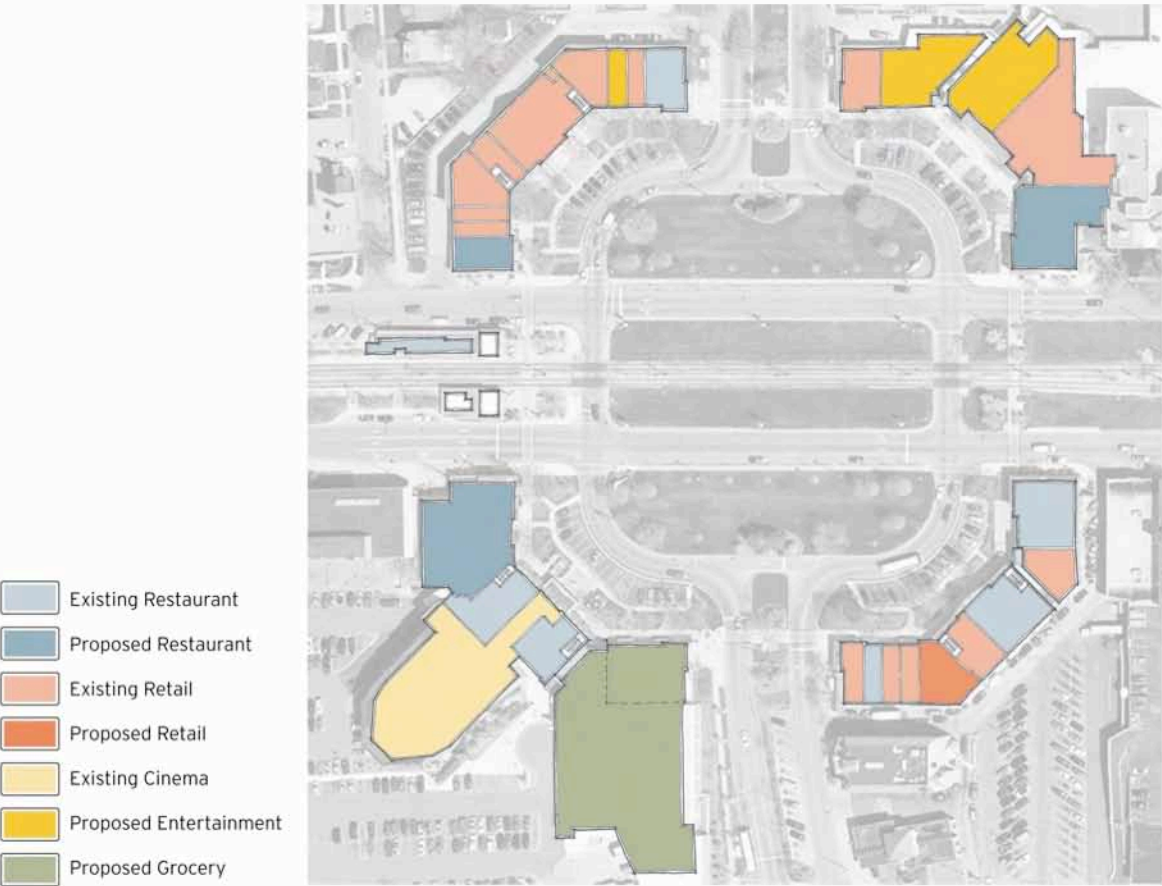


CASE STUDY

CASE STUDY : SHAKER SQUARE



SHAKER SQUARE: DIG DOWN



Shaker Square: Lease Plan

GSI Architects



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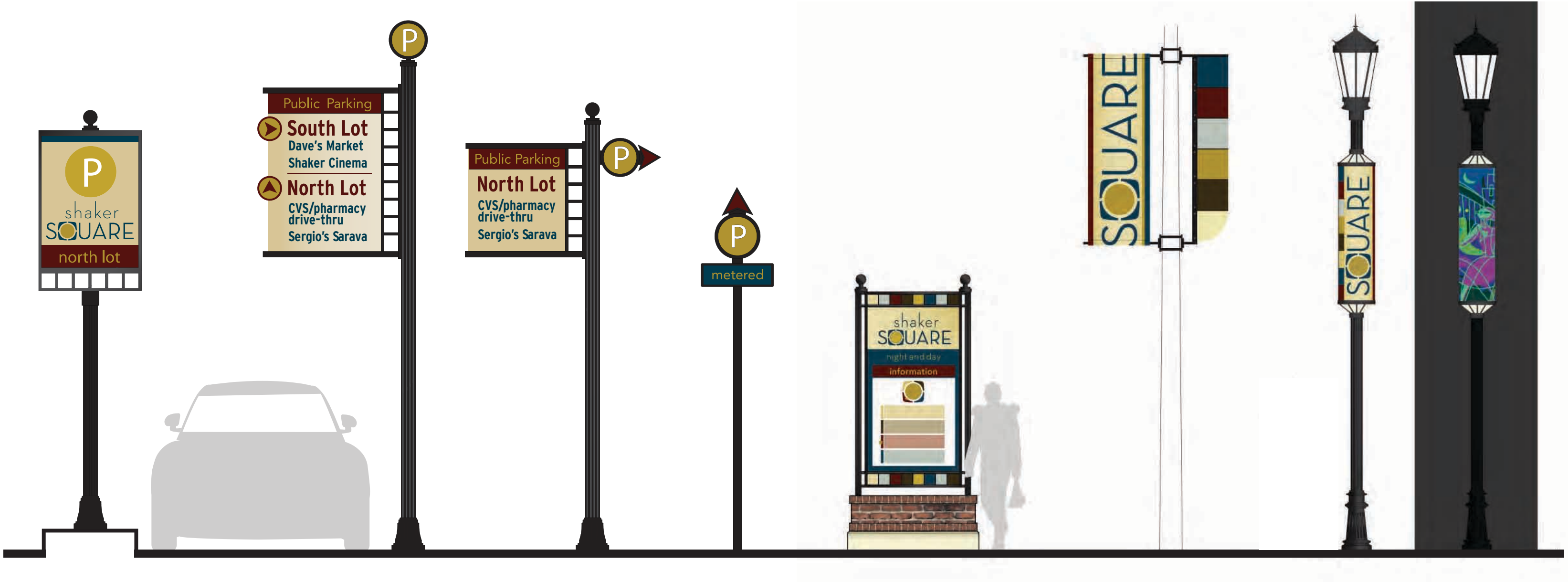
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SHAKER SQUARE: DIG DOWN



SHAKER SQUARE: BUILD UP



SHAKER SQUARE: MOVE FORWARD





SHAKER SQUARE: MOVE FORWARD



2009

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AT SHAKER SQUARE

shaker SQUARE
night and day

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